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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to increase and fix the military peace establishments of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. It provides that the military force shall hereafter consist of seven regiments of artillery, ten regiments of cavalry, and thirty regiments of infantry. In addition to the five companies of artillery now organized, there shall be one of white persons, to be composed by selections from the companies of colored artillery. The pay of officers and privileges of enlisted men shall be the same as now provided by law. The number of officers and men in the infantry force shall be eight regiments composed of men from the Veteran Reserve Corps and the remainder of white persons. The organization of the force shall be as follows: One Major General, five Major Generals and one Brigadier General, and one Lieutenant General when ordered by the President.

Mr. WILSON offered the petition of the colored citizens of Savannah, asking the right of suffrage, which was referred to the Special Committee on Reconstruction.

A resolution was passed, authorizing the printing of the testimony taken by the Committee on the Conduct of the War.

Mr. MORRILL moved to take up the bill to restore the elective franchise to the District of Columbia, which was passed.

Mr. RIDDLE asked that the consideration of the bill be postponed for a few days.

Mr. YATES moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on the District of Columbia, Motion agreed to.

A memorial of the American Free Trade League, praying for the repeal of the protective tariff, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Senate proceeded to consider the appointments of Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue by the Secretary of the Treasury, submitted to-day, and, on motion of Mr. HOWARD, was requested from the President of the Senate, but not acted on.

Mr. RICHARDSON offered a resolution declaring that the States lately in rebellion had forfeited their rights as States, and that the power to restore them to their former rights should be resisted. Mr. HOWE proposed to amend the resolution by striking out the last clause, which declares that the rebellion has been suppressed. It failed. Mr. FESSENDEN moved to amend the resolution, affirming that by the acts of secession and rebellion the Southern States had destroyed their political and civil relations.

Mr. JOHNSON obtained the floor, when the Senate went into executive session soon after.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. CONKLING, of N. Y., the President was requested, if not incompatible with the public interests, to inform the House why Jefferson Davis, Mr. Clay and others were kept in irons.

Mr. DAVIS, of N. Y., introduced a resolution declaring the House in support of the Constitutional plan of reconstruction, which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

The navy appropriation bill was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Elections reported the Tobacco Dealers' Convention, at New York, was referred to Mr. Wade and Mr. Conkling, with the request to inquire into the expediency of an amendment to the Internal Revenue laws, to confirm to the Union.

The Committee of Ways and Means was instructed to consider into the expediency of discussing with the income taxes, equitably, or assessing only those incomes exceeding $1,200 per annum.

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Mr. BOUTWELL introduced a bill to punish counterfeiting with death.

A resolution was adopted calling for information relative to the Freedmen's Bureau. Bills were introduced in New York under the authority of the so-called Congress of Georgia, to carry on confederate debts and indictment for high treason, and that the President had been advised by the law officer of the Government that the proper place for their trial is in Virginia, which was in the judicial district of the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court. Adjourned.

Mr. BOYER, of Pennsylvania, replied, contending that the Constitution of the United States was made for the white people only, and that the Constitution of Illinois was made for the white people only, and that the Constitution of Illinois was made for the white people only, and that the Constitution of Illinois

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THE MEXICAN QUESTION.

The message transmitted to Congress by the President on Tuesday last, in relation to the French intervention in Mexico, comes in some respects a no-House issue. In stating his despatch of November 6th, to Minister Bigelow, Mr Seward says "it is hardly necessary to say that we should not be dreading or especially upon this branch of political relations, if it had not been our conviction that those relations at the present moment especially those of our continent in the neighborhood of the American people."

This is accompanied by an assertion that the United States cannot be compelled to acquiesce in the establishment of the Emperor Maximilian under new or at any future time, the authority of his government being in direct antagonism to the policy of our government and the people upon which it is founded. Mr. Seward states, very truly and justly, that the United States "still regard the attempt to establish permanently a foreign and imperial government in Mexico as the most unfriendly form of intervention by means. They could not now agree to compromise the position they have heretofore assumed." The correspondence is left by the message in satisfactory state in which it was before the French invasion of Mexico, which is declared to be entirely free from the troops from Mexico as soon as circumstances will allow, and declining to be annoyed that it is not the intention of the French to withdraw

Regular Meeting, January 6, 1868.

Pursuant to the notice of the Mayor, the Common Council of the City of Chicago met in the Council Chamber, on the above date.

Present—Mayor Colvin, in the chair, and Aldermen Wentworth, Wicker, Loomis, Wheeler, Wolcott, Throop, Sherman, Wallace, Hoyne, Cregier, Wilson, Kinsley, Fuller, Wright, Hoard, Rumsey, Wilcox, Ogden, Kirkpatrick, Hamilton, Cleaver, Sexton, Lawson, Blackford, Sherman, Foster, Hildreth, Hollister, Hall, Lawton, Shackford, Cook, Hoffman, Hunter, Hatch, Ryan, Hoffman, Hall

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THE CITY.

Commercial.—A new dollar bill of the Manufacturers' National Bank of Chicago, raised to ten dollars, is in circulation yesterday. People ignorant as an Owl lookout.

HIRAM S. WOODMAN, of No. 224 Dearborn street, donates the thanks of the public for improvement the Pacific Hotel and Peoples Gas Company in the Pacific Hotel block, on Clark street, in 1865. Gas put on pressed, and better fire not than formerly.

VALUABLE OIL LANDS.—We call attention to the advertisement, in this issue, of valuable oil lands for sale by F. Gleason, No. 79 Clark street. West. The lands are situated on the Hydrokiffer oil basin. In the midst of the great Genesee tract, which is now producing large quantities of the choicest Rock.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—The snow fall and weather, which-ladies of yesterday keenly disappointed the attendance in the Union Prayer Meeting—morning and noon—both of which were held in the Clark Street Methodist Church. The morning meeting to-day will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Stevens. It is all over the country a special prayer and fast meetings are being held each evening, and well-filled houses is increasing. The topic for PRAYER, to-day is, "Revivals."

THEATRE.—Mrs. Jno. H. Chapman, Shelton, the servants, and Mr. Lewis, the chamber maid.

FIRE.—About two o'clock this morning, a fire broke out between two frame houses, Nos. 196 and 198 Franklin street, near Van Buren street, and spread to the grocery store of F. B. Seabury, which was soon in flames. The rooms above the store was occupied by the family of Matthew Mulvey, who narrowly escaped with their lives. The fire engines were promptly on the spot, and the fire was soon extinguished, but the damage will not reach exceed $500. The fire originated from a defective flue between the two houses.

THE INCENDIARIES AT BATTLE.—Last Friday night from six to the evening till eight o'clock in the morning, presented a fine opportunity to the incendiaries of early burning to set fire to the many buildings those fourteen hours not a drop of water was at the command of the fire department, being engaged in thawing out the frozen hydrants. The fire engine hose was in the main of the water works was frozen up, and the services of a large gang of men were called into requisition to clear away the ice, preparatory to having water against the recurrence of such an accident in future.

CALUMNIOUS CASE.—A special meeting of the Calumnian Club was held Tuesday evening at the club rooms, on the "chair," Robert Herring, Esq., presiding. Thirty-one new members were admitted into the Association. The Secretary, Mr. Edward Charles, reported that a variety of excellent bottles had been received for the library, and that he proposed the election of a new set of by-laws before committee. The Committee of Arrangements for the ball, stated that it was prepared to receive a large number of tickets, and that the prospects for the ball of January. Other business was transacted, and the club adjourned.

LOCKSMITH.—The Judiciary exercises of the 12th area Alpine of the Phi Delta Society will be held this evening at the Lecture Room of the First Baptist Church, Wabash avenue. Hon. Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois, will deliver an address, and Col. Charles P. Jacobs, of Indiana, will read an original poem. Judge E. D. Kenna will preside. Members and friends of this city have volunteered to furnish the music, and a large audience is expected to be present, being under the auspices of a literary and musical society worthy of the University and the City of Chicago. The guests are requested to assemble at 7½ o'clock p. m.

GRAND DECOY.—Let those who wish to lend a helping hand to the good work of assisting the needy poor of our city remember the Washington Skating Park Benefit to the ——" Relief Fund, on Friday afternoon and evening, and purchase tickets at once.

Tickets for sale at Root & Cady's Music Store, Lyon & Healy's Music Store, Crosby's Opera House, Reed's Temple of Music, corner Randolph and Dearborn, Hobson & Skinner's, No. 140 Lake street, Bradley & Metcalf's, No. 110 Lake street, Hamilton & Rose' No. 111 Lake street, City Hotel, and at the Treasurer's, Madison and Wabash.

PORK PACKERS' MEETING.—A meeting of the pork packers of Chicago was held last evening in Parlor No. 3 Tremont House, Col. J. L. Hancock in the chair. The object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of amending the rule of the Association requiring that "the shoulder cut of hogs shall be cut square across the back, not more than two inches deep at the bone of the shoulder blade." The subject was fully discussed in all its bearings, pro and con, and finally the rule rejected by was amended by striking out the words "four inches" and inserting "two inches" in lieu thereof.

A resolution relating to the same subject, which had been adopted by a previous meeting, was laid over for re-consideration, but no action was taken. The meeting then adjourned.

THE MARSHALL SIX COAL—WARNING TO CAPITALISTS.—A number of merchants and capitalists of this city, met last evening in parlor No. 1, Tremont House, for the purpose of considering the subject of coal, particularly with reference to the coal and lands of Marietta Run, Athens county, Ohio. Mr. Thomas Marshall, of Cincinnati, Col. J. Foster, who has been engaged in examining the coal fields of Athens county, and other important information regarding the property, and the value of the coal. Which was claimed to be superior to the Illinois coal in respect to its fuel and lighting qualities, which adapts it to the manufacture of iron in its pure state without the necessity of coking, and also fitting for general household purposes. Reports of several gentlemen who had visited the property were read, and the property was unanimously pronounced by all parties interested as a most valuable property, and advocated for some capitalists by Professor Hunter and other gentlemen on the mineralogical properties of the coal. We understand that a company has been formed to purchase the property.

THE FUEL PROBLEM—DOUBLE HEATING.—The extravagant cost of all kinds of fuel at the present time renders quality valuable any invention whose object is to utilize the heat developed by combustion. A great improvement on the ordinary mode of using this agent has just been made, and was exhibited yesterday to a number of prominent gentlemen, all of whom were highly pleased with it. It is claimed that the stove is so that is claimed for it by the inventor, that it will heat a room to any degree without allowing into the room about twice the amount of fuel that is now used, and the saving of a large quantity of fuel. This important end is gained by a heavy increase in the area of the radiating surface, without any very great increase in the size of the stove, consequently but a slight advance in the cost of the stove is required. The products of combustion, and warm it and circulate it through the room, carrying with it the heat that is now lost without detracting from the ordinary heat of the stove. The two combustion chambers are so arranged in flue and chequers of construction that the heat is greatly to the notice of the public. We are vitally interested in economy of fuel, and feel great satisfaction—now to watch a building of this kind, and to see the results. We refer the reader in reference to this truly valuable economizer may obtain it by addressing the inventor—Mr. J. W. Stoney, at Janesville, Wisconsin.

FIRE REPORTS.—Our reports of the great number of fires which have occurred in the city during the past few weeks have called forth many expressions of astonishment. It is next to an impossibility to obtain in every case the true particulars of a fire amid the excitement and hurry incident to the occasion. Often the parties from whom information, and of those only give the required information, and even they are often in a particularly gracious mood. Besides, we are frequently misled by parties whose report reports are generally the ones most to blame, in the extent of their fault finding. We only ask a fair interview in the following cases, and we feel confident in the minds of the people that we feel that our reports are correct. We are willing to rest on the justice of the community both in the public and the press, and are satisfied that the public are not so abused by affording all proper information for the guidance of reporters.

In the report of the fire in the building of School-yard Row, on Wednesday, the 3d inst., the loss was incorrectly stated, with an insurance of $3,000. The Building was the property of Mr. Hall, and was insured for the sum of $3,000 only.

We are requested to state that the conflagration on Clark street, on Wednesday night, was not extinguished in the fire of No. 243, near the centre of the block, not on the corner, as reported.

INCENDIARY.—THE FIRE EPIDEMIC RAGING.—It seems at the present time as if a perfect epidemic of destructive fires were raging in our city. These, four and five conflagrations per day are enough to satisfy the public that there is a regular system to be carried out. Be the incendiary of making money out of the misfortunes of others, or what it may, one more than one speculator that every one should be fully insured, in his store, dwelling, stocks, furniture, or whatever it may be, and that he should notify the fact that if their buildings be burned now, they will have to be rebuilt, and that they will be covered next summer or autumn, if they are not insured, but that they will be compelled to do so, and in such case if the insurance precaution be taken. The interest of insurance companies, to secure, as well as the interest that they have in the city, should it, and the insurers now rather turn on the suspected parties, and bring them to justice.

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RAILROAD PRESIDENTS.

Liability of Express and Transportation Companies.

Confidential Movements of Chicago Manufacturing Establishments—Additional Railroad and Express Companies to Our Numerous and Prosperous Firms in the City.

The two following letters, which sufficiently explain themselves, have reached the chairmen of the Railroad and Express Committees of the two Houses of Congress:

CHICAGO, January 4, 1866.

To the President and Directors of the several Railroads centering in Chicago:

DEAR SIRS:—

Owing to the sacrificial state of the public mind caused by the late war, the Express Companies have adopted considerable latitude in the matter of limiting their liability for property intrusted to their keeping.

Inquiries: What are your present rates for freight upon grain, provisions, lumber, manufactured articles, coal, fuel, and cattle?